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## Timely Tidbits ...

### "Winter Clearance" Sale Offers Bargains

If you're looking for new or used winter clothes at bargain prices, be sure to stop in at the Helping Hand Thrift Shop March 10-12 to check out the store's annual "Winter Clearance" sale.

The selected sale items will include coats (\$1), men's and women's sweaters (50¢), jeans (\$1), dresses (50¢ to \$1), and socks (10¢).

The Helping Hand – located at 37510 Huron River Drive – is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Craft Sale Benefits RHS Seniors

Romulus High School senior and Spring Thing Fling committee chairman, Lance McCroan, invites the public to attend the Class of 1998's annual craft bazaar, set for Saturday, March 14, in the cafeteria at the High School (9650 South Wayne Road).

"We really appreciate the community's loyal attendance at our fund raisers," said McCroan, who went on to explain that proceeds from the craft show will be used to offset the cost of various senior-class activities. "It's good to know that so many people care enough to come out and show their support, whether they're buying or just browsing."

Besides an incredible diversity of craft materials – including authentic African clothing and jewelry, ceramics, wood crafts, soft sculptures, water colors, and Easter holiday/spring season items – the show will also boast a "Fun Fair" for kids, put on by Cub Scout Troop #808 (Barth School), an enormous bake sale, and a Girl Scout cookie sale.

Space (\$25 per table; limited to the first 100 applicants) is still available to crafters who would like to participate in the Spring Thing Fling. For more information, please call either Rosalie Berlinn, class advisor (941-2170, ext. 162) or Lynne Cadden, secretary (ext. 149). □

## Cropwalkers Raised Money for Helping Hand

On February 23, checks for \$1,756 were delivered to each of four local agencies that feed the hungry, thanks to 356 volunteers who walked in the annual Belleville-Romulus Cropwalk last October. As designated recipients of the 1997 Cropwalk, the Helping Hand of Romulus, St. Vincent de Paul-Belleville, the Belleville Emergency Food Closet, and the food pantry of the Belleville Church of God all received funds to assist area residents who are struggling to pay for food. Although each agency is also supported by several other sources, the Cropwalk checks go a long ways toward helping them provide services for the hungry.

In all, 140 Cropwalks held throughout the State last year raised almost \$2 million. One quarter of that – nearly \$500,000 – stayed in Michigan to assist those who do not have enough to eat. The remaining three quarters was sent throughout the world to help people who are starving in other countries.

"It was by far our best year ever!" exclaimed Father John Hagan, who, along with Hanna Anthony, co-coordinated last year's walk. "The volunteers were the most dedicated, and the enthusiasm the highest in the 15 years of the Belleville-Romulus walk. We had eight very committed churches raising up walkers and donors, and we increased our giving over 1996 by 40%."

The eight area churches – Trinity Episcopal, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic, First Methodist, Belleville Presbyterian, and Belleville Church of God (all of Belleville); Sumpter Church of God (Sumpter); Faith United Methodist (Denton); and Community United Methodist (Romulus) – worked together for six months preparing for the annual event, which marked its fifteenth anniversary in 1997.

"This is the payoff – when we deliver the checks and know that a lot of people are going to live better lives because of what we did," said Hagan. "I wish all the volunteers could go with us when Hanna and I deliver the checks. It is such a wonderful feeling knowing that you have carried the gospel to people at their point of need."

"We'll never know the lives we'll touch, both here and abroad," he continued. "That's the amazing thing: that so many people will work so hard to help both their neighbors and people they will never meet."



Accepting a check from Father John Hagan and fellow Cropwalk coordinator Hanna Anthony (second from right) are the Helping Hand's volunteer director, Florence Klein (second from left), and volunteers Phyllis Bolus (left) and Georgeanne Cecchini.

Hagan went on to say that work has already begun on the 1998 Cropwalk, to be held on October 4. He and Anthony have been asked to address Cropwalk coordinators in other communities to explain the success of the Belleville-Romulus Cropwalk, and how that success can be duplicated elsewhere.

"Other communities need churches and volunteers to be as successful as we are," said Hagan. "Unfortunately,

that can't be easily transferred. They need to have communities that care about others as much as Belleville, Sumpter, and Romulus do."

Hagan said that organizers for next year are hopeful that more churches will join the eight which already participate in Cropwalk. Area churches can call Hagan at Trinity Episcopal, 699-3361, if they would like to be a part of the 1998 event. □

## "Hall of Fame" Dinner Honors Alumni

The Romulus High School Alumni Association will hold its second annual Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, March 21, at Romulus High School. This year's inductees include Dean Burcroff, Class of 1943; Debi Davis, Class of 1966; and Bernice Stopera Lindke, Class of 1972.

The Association mailed nomination forms to its members last fall, encouraging them to nominate graduates who were "special" in some way (not necessarily rich and/or famous) and who would serve as a role model to present and future Romulus High students.

To be considered for induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame, it was suggested that a nominee meet the following criteria:

- shall have graduated from Romulus High School prior to September, 1988;
- shall have achieved a measure of success in a particular field of work or endeavor;
- shall have contributed to their chosen profession or life-style through outstanding individual performance or leadership;
- shall have contributed leadership, time, effort, and/or resources to benefit either the City of Romulus or the area in which the nominee currently lives; and
- shall serve as a role model to Romulus High School students.

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## Senate Approves Bennett's Bill To Transfer Prisoners

A bill simplifying the process of transferring prison inmates out-of-state was approved by the Senate recently, according to State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township).

Senate Bill 838 shortens the hearing process available to a prisoner before being transferred. The bill states that a prisoner is not entitled to a hearing prior to relocation to another facility.

"Severe overcrowding at Michigan prisons puts everyone at risk — correction workers, the public, and even the inmates," Bennett said. "We need to free up badly needed prison space wherever we can find it to keep our families and the communities we live in safe."

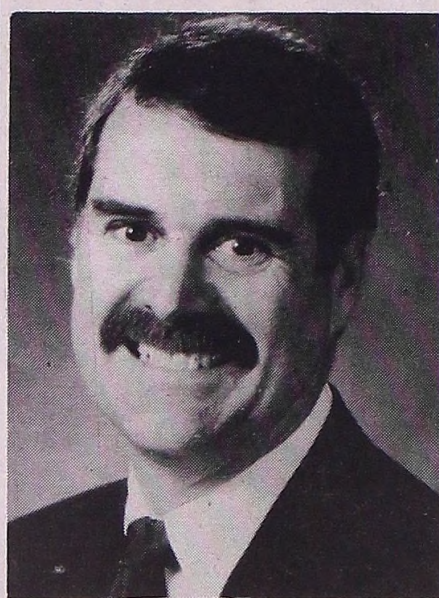
"If I had to choose between sending a convicted felon to be housed out-of-state and the safety of my daughters, I would choose the safety of my daughters. Their safety is my first priority."

It is estimated that Michigan's prison system will be completely out of beds as early as next year. An additional 2,500 prison beds will be needed by the end of this year, and 6,400 by the end of 2001, according to Governor John Engler's report to the Legislature.

"Michigan is facing a critical time regarding its correctional facilities," Bennett said. "We must not limit our options in keeping prisoners locked up and the public safe."

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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Senator Loren Bennett

### Michigan Supreme Court Justice Taylor on Bennett's Cable Show

Michigan's newest Supreme Court Justice, Clifford W. Taylor, will be the special guest on Senator Bennett's monthly cable show, *People & Policy: A Common Sense Agenda*. Taylor — who was appointed to Michigan's high court in 1997, following the retirement of Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley — will discuss his judicial background, his conservative judicial philosophy and how it differs from judicial activism, and issues which the Supreme Court anticipates working on this term. For viewing times and locations, see channel 40. □

## McCroan Among Basham's Capitol Scholars for February



(From left) State Representative Ray Basham invited Josh Biskup (a German foreign-exchange student at Taylor Kennedy High School), Shawn Long (Taylor Kennedy), Lance McCroan (Romulus High School), and Erin Lind (Taylor Truman High) to spend a day with him in Lansing last month, getting a first-hand lesson in State government through the Capitol Scholars Program.



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## District Seeks Accreditation



Dan Hurst, Romulus High School Principal, and Ed Clark, Principal of Romulus Middle School, reviewed the "outstanding progress" being made toward curriculum alignment and assessment at a recent meeting of the Romulus Board of Education. The two also informed the Board that the District is one of five in the State of Michigan applying for North Central Accreditation for grades kindergarten through 12.

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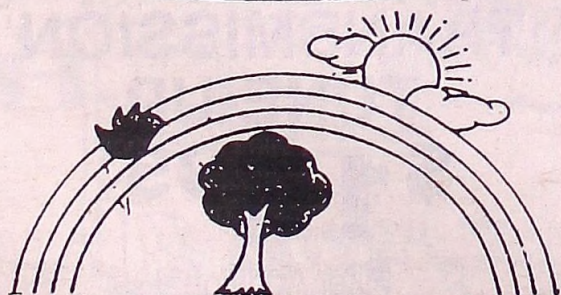
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## Alumni Chili CookOff Was "Hot"

The Romulus High School Alumni Association held its 6th Annual Chili CookOff and Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 28, at Romulus High. This yearly event is held in conjunction with the High School's "Coming Home" celebration for winter sports.

Nine pots of chili faced this year's judges: Brian Oakley, Bill Oakley, Ken Berlinn, and Roy Szyndlar. Winner of the hot category, for the third year, was Jon Bergman (Class of 1987) of Romulus, with his combination beef-and-venison recipe. Winner of the mild category, with her first-ever entry, was Carla Warner (Class of 1997), also of Romulus. The Chili CookOff is cosponsored by the Romulus Rotary, which presented each of the winners with a \$50 savings bond.

Thirty-six folks stayed on to partici-

pate in the Euchre Tournament, the biggest group ever for cards. Winner – for the second time – was Brian Oakley (Class of 1979); Lisa Hadyniak (Class of 1981) won the 50-50 raffle.

During the Euchre Tournament, players were encouraged to sample all the chilis entered in the CookOff and to enjoy the special cake made by Kathe Stears.

The Chili CookOff and Euchre Tournament are open to anyone who wants to enjoy a fun night at the High School each spring. Membership in the Alumni Association is open to any graduate of Romulus High School.

To receive more information about the Alumni Association and its other activities, contact Marge Bergman, Alumni Coordinator, at the Community Education Office (941-0610). □

## Jobs for Taylor, Romulus

State Representative Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor) recently announced that \$200,000 in Economic Development Job Training grants will be heading to Taylor and Romulus. The funding will create 45 new jobs and help local businesses retain another 198 jobs.

"These funds keep local families working," Basham said, "and keep our local work-force competitive with other states and the rest of the world."

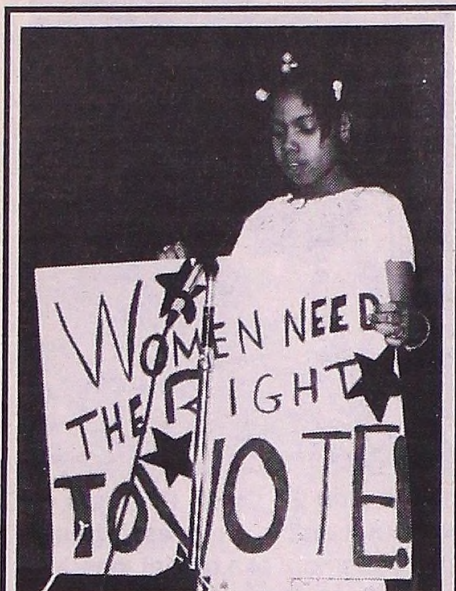
The grants will help Wayne County Community College provide job-training services to two local businesses – The Envelope Printery, located on Northline Road in Taylor, and Shiloh of Michigan L.L.C., locat-

ed on Inkster Road in Romulus. The Envelope Printery plans to hire eight new workers and has promised to retain 105 existing workers as a condition of receiving a grant of \$70,000. Shiloh of Michigan L.L.C. plans to create 37 new jobs and has promised to retain 93 existing jobs in exchange for a job-training grant of \$130,000.

"The best public/private partnerships are those where both sides win," Basham said. "This job-grant partnership helps local employers train their workers, keeps those workers employed with competitive wages, and grows Michigan's economy and tax base." □



## Student Recalls American Suffragist's Importance



Barth third-grader Ashley Davis recalls Susan B. Anthony.

Ashley Davis, a third-grade student at Barth Elementary School, was one of more than 20 students who participated in instructor Marie Hall's annual "Heritage" and "Reach Out and Touch Someone" program. Davis recalled for her audience the important role that Susan Brownell Anthony played in American history. As many people know, Anthony – who was born in 1820 and died in 1906 – was a powerful force in the fight for women's suffrage (the right to vote) – a fight that was not won until the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920.

Principal Jeffrey Royal appreciated the work of Hall and her students: "I am always proud of our staff and students, but I am especially proud when they demonstrate that being different in one way only emphasizes how similar we are in many other ways."

## Alumni "Hall of Fame" Inductees

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Dean Burcroff, who was nominated by Marlena Gutierrez, has been a leader in the City of Romulus his whole life. Along with his wife Shirley and their large family, Burcroff was frequently involved in school activities and always supportive of any requests from Romulus students or staff. Last fall, Burcroff built the first-ever Alumni Homecoming Float, commemorating the School District's football history.

Debi Davis, nominated by Marge Bergman, was a resident of Romulus for many years until her recent move to Tucson, Arizona, with her husband, Tim Loose. A double amputee, Davis is involved with training and promoting the use of service dogs to assist people with disabilities in the Tucson area. She presents seminars on toy-breed dogs as service dogs up and down the West Coast. Davis is "Community Outreach Specialist" for Handi-Dogs, Inc., a facility in Tucson which trains people with disabilities to train their own service

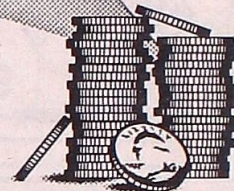
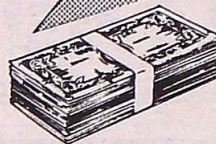
dogs. She recruits people who need service dogs, and sets up programs for schools and civic organizations.

Bernice Lindke, who was nominated by her husband Mark, is the Director of the Office of Financial Aid at Eastern Michigan University. According to her husband, "Bernice's best asset is her willingness to share her wisdom and her own experiences in a way that inspires others to meet their own challenges head-on, to learn from them, and to grow. She wants to be her best so those that she is attempting to reach will be motivated to continue their own education."

These three Romulus graduates represent the "best of the best" and will be honored at a dinner on Saturday, March 21, at Romulus High School. Tickets – just \$14 per person – may be obtained by calling Marge Bergman at either the Community Education Office (941-0610) or at home (326-0889). Space is limited; deadline for ordering tickets is March 17. □

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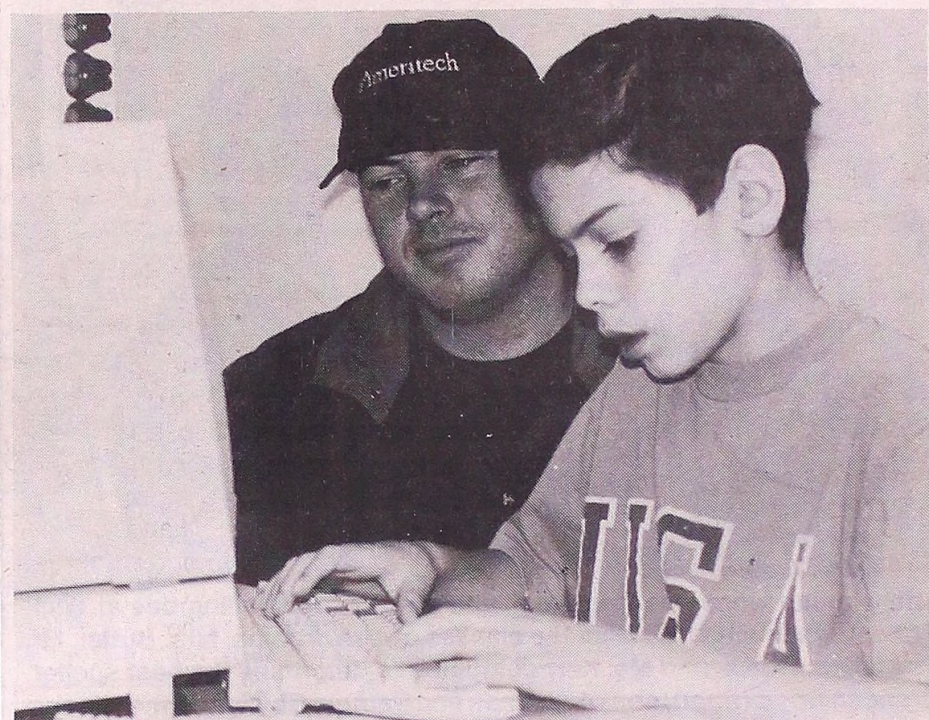
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## Two Merriman Fifth-graders May Soon Be Published



Merriman fifth-grade student, Kenneth Capler, shows his father how he wrote his famous poem, "The Giant Monster."

Kenneth Capler, a fifth-grade student at Merriman Elementary School, loves to write — especially poetry.

"Once I decide what I will write about, the words come easy," Capler said.

His poem, "The Giant Monster," was one of two poems that Merriman teacher Pete Irwin submitted to *The Reader's Digest* for publication.

"Eric Rister's poem, 'Twister,' and Capler's poem both showed imagination, rhythm, and creativity, so I thought we would give *Reader's Digest* a shot," Irwin stated.

Capler's dad is, of course, very proud of his son's accomplishments. Because his favorite subjects were not writing or literature, the elder Capler was surprised at his son's writing ability.

"He must have received that talent from his mother," he stated.

### The Giant Monster

By Kenneth Capler

I saw a giant monster that was  
forty feet long,  
It was black and had so many arms  
I couldn't count them all.  
I went down below to see what  
it was.  
I wasn't afraid, so I just didn't fuss.  
"I'm not afraid of you, whatever  
you are."  
But when he came out, he gave me  
a scare  
When I saw his back, he had a real  
sharp fin,  
Now I am not going back there  
again!!

### Twister

By Eric Rister

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Twister, Twister  
Hello Mister  
How are you doing today  
Stop chasing me  
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Would you please just let me be  
Twister, Twister  
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You let us sleep tight?

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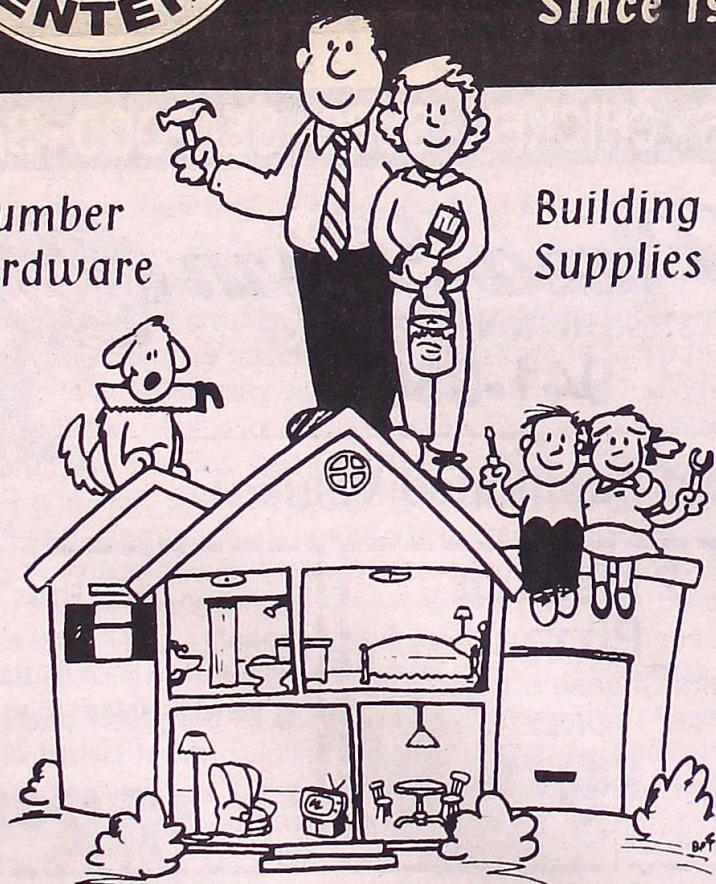
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## Wick Spelling Bee "Exciting"



The winning word was "exciting" and so was the spelling bee at Wick School, when students from the classes of Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Butler, Mr. Fuss, Mrs. Golka, and Ms. Kerr competed to determine the best speller. Brenden Boyd (right), son of Thomas and Pamela Boyd, was the winner; Vincent Robinson, son of Sherry and Vincent Robinson, was second.

## Cory Takes "Art" To Doubletree

Under the direction of Angelique Jumper from Wayne Metro Community Service Agency, Cory sixth-grade students recently spent a day at the Doubletree Hotel to decorate construction barrier walls. Jumper coordinated the activity to provide Cory students with an opportunity to work in the community while teaming up with their new School-Business Partner.

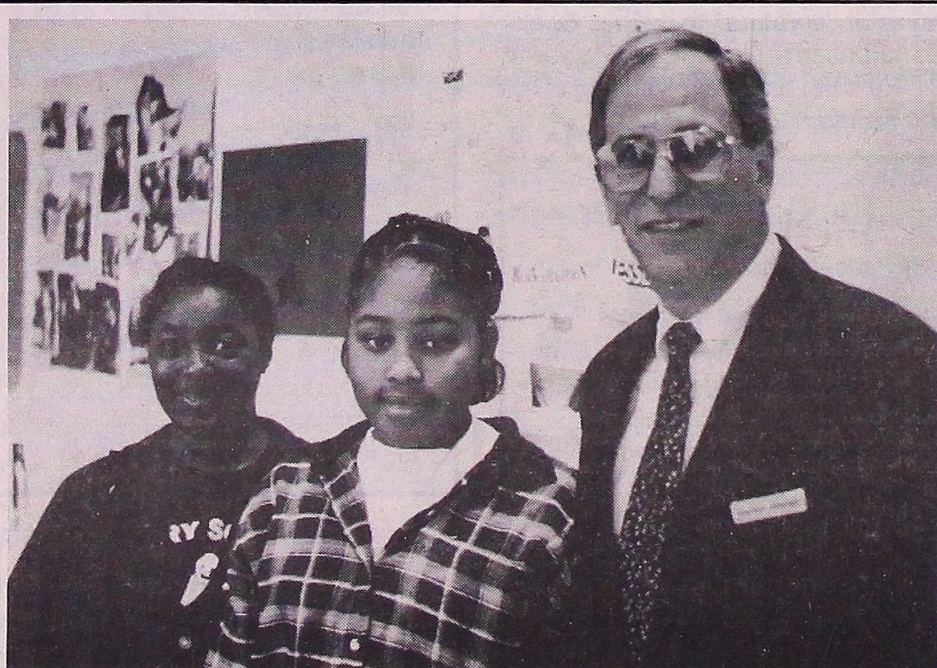
The Doubletree Corporation—which recently purchased the Royce Hotel—plans to spend seven million dollars to renovate hotel rooms and public facilities. Because of the renovation, areas of the hotel are barricaded with six-foot-

high wallboard. The wallboard was then painted and decorated by students from Cory School.

The students made posters and drawings relating to their school and their high academic goals. The posters and drawings were then transferred to the wallboards to add color and interest to the construction area.

General Manager for the hotel, Harry Joseph, was pleased with the hard work of the students.

"We believe, as a corporation, that we must be a good neighbor," said Joseph. "Our partnership with Cory is an example of that cooperation." □



(From left) Angelique Jumper from the Wayne Metro Community Service Agency, Cory sixth-grade student Theresa Chadwick, and Doubletree General Manager Harry Joseph stand in front of some construction wallboard that has been decorated by Cory students.

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## Community Calendar

- **Crafters Wanted** – Romulus High School's Class of 1998 will host a Spring Thing Fling Craft Show in the High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Funds raised from the event will be used to offset the cost of various senior-class activities. Interested crafters can purchase table space for \$25; registration will be limited to the first 100 applicants. For information, call Rosalie Berlinn (941-2170, ext. 162) or Lynne Cadden (ext. 149).
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Needs You!** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is already hard at work, preparing for the second annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: March 19). For more information, please call Susan Watts at 941-0476.
- **Banquet Will Honor Ron Hopson, Person of the Year** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend its 18th annual Person of the Year awards banquet to honor Ron Hopson of Franklin Life Insurance on Friday, March 20, at the Royce Hotel (31500 Wick Road, Romulus). A \$30-per-person donation must be paid at the Chamber office no later than March 11. For more information, call Karan Johnson at 326-4290.
- **YMCA Rummage Sale** – Are you looking for buried treasure? (And who isn't these days?) Do you have treasures that have lost their glitter, and that you would like to get out of your closets for donation to a worthy organization? If so, here's an opportunity you won't want to miss, because officials at the YMCA of Western Wayne County are planning a giant rummage sale with you in mind. Set for Saturday, March 28, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the event will be held at the YWCA, located at 26279 Michigan Avenue between Beech Daly and John Daly. Items being accepted (and subsequently sold) – such as household items, jewelry, clothing, appliances, toys, and other odds and ends – can be dropped off at the "Y" any weekday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- **Donations Sought** – Romulus Head Start – a Federally funded preschool program for three- and four-year-olds who are from low-income families, foster children, or children with disabilities – will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 4, from 12 to 3 p.m., to raise money to buy a display sign for its school (located at 35408 Beverly Road) and T-shirts for all the children. Featured will be craft tables, food, face painting, games, prize drawings, and more. To make the Family Fun Day a success, Head Start is asking individuals, businesses, and community groups to make donations of cash; items or gift certificates to be used as prizes; and/or food items such as hot dogs/buns, condiments (catsup, mustard, relish, etc.), potato and nacho chips, nacho cheese, baked goods, and beverages. For information, call Dawn Mosher or Charisma Harris (728-7815).
- **Registrations Accepted at St. Aloysius School** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 1998–1999 school year for its all-day, five-day kindergarten program as well as for grades one through eight. The school is located near I-275 and I-94 in Romulus. For more information, call 941-3340.
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For information, or to apply, call 728-7815.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## Board of Education Receives Preschool Committee Report

Recently, Adult Education Director Earl Cornett presented a comprehensive Preschool Committee Report to the Romulus Board of Education.

Reviewing actions previously discussed with the Board, Cornett expanded upon the upcoming Parent/Student Fair – planned for May 2, 1998, in the High School cafeteria – as well as the Preschool Information Packets distributed through MDE, Head Start, and the schools' screening programs.

Presently, there are six different community programs for preschool students in the City of Romulus.

"People are quite happy and surprised with the number and quality of programs now available," said Cornett. "Our task is to publicize them and make each program aware of the District's

program for kindergarten students."

Cornett gave a lot of credit to all the members of his hard-working committee. Among those he recognized was Marilyn Wood, a kindergarten teacher at Wick Elementary School, who was present at the Board meeting and who directed the Preschool Packet project.

Cornett closed his presentation to the Board and community by highlighting the future plans for the preschool committee.

"Outstanding preschool education is of primary concern to all of us," commented Michael Woods, Board Treasurer, after the presentation. "The whole Board appreciates what Mr. Cornett and his committee are doing to give all our young children a better chance to succeed." □



Earl Cornett (right) speaks to the Board of Education while (from left) Board Secretary, Betty Lenossi; Superintendent, Dr. William Bedell; Joel Carr, Finance Director; and Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director, listen.

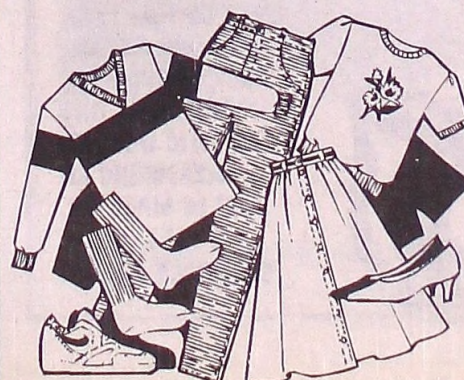
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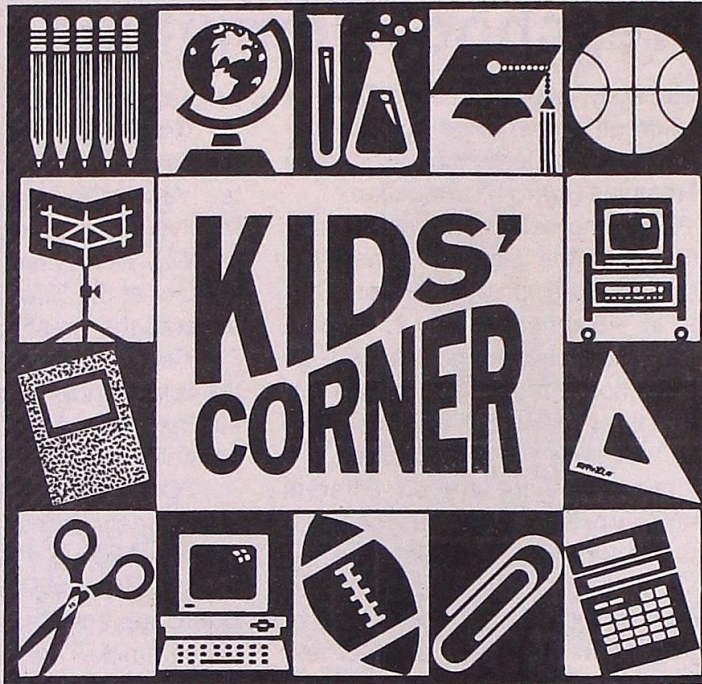
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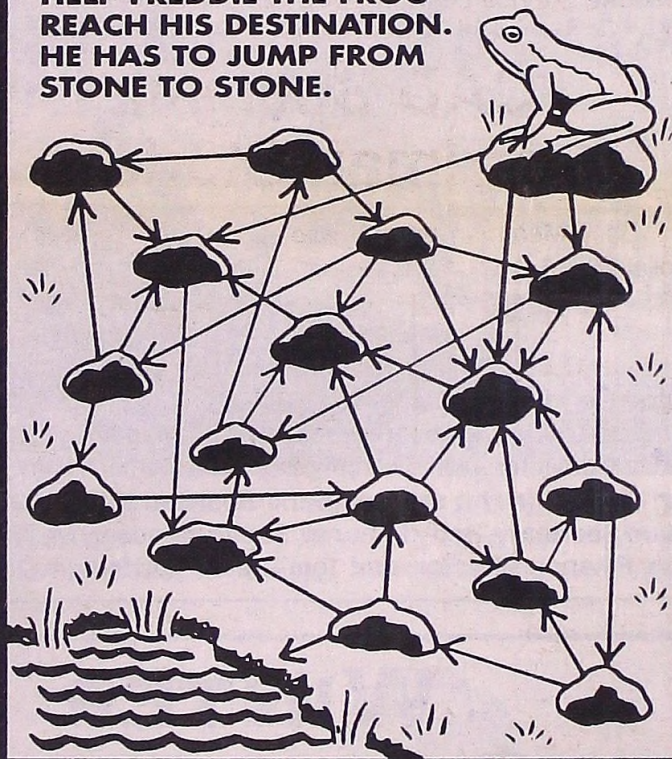




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### Saint Patrick's Day Puzzler

Listed below are words and phrases associated with Saint Patrick's Day. How many can you find and circle in the scrambled letter puzzle? The words go horizontally and vertically, backwards and forwards.

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### Luck O' The Irish Scramble

Are you an expert on the Irish? Unscramble the words to complete the sentences below.

1. Irish eyes are G S I M L N I.
2. H E G N L I S and A L G I E C are Ireland's two primary languages.
3. The national emblem of Ireland. A S K H M O R C
4. This musical instrument is very popular in Ireland. S A B P G P I E
5. The football team at the university of Notre Dame is known as the H E G N I T G I R I S H I.
6. E C R O N D E B E F and E B A B C G A is a typical Irish meal.

1. Smiling 2. English and Gaelic 3. Shamrock 4. Bagpipes 5. Fighting Irish 6. Corned beef and cabbage

### Answers

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### A TO Z • SAFETY • A TO Z • SAFETY • A TO Z

- **Illness:** If you're not feeling well, stay at home and take care of yourself. Ignoring illness will only make your body weaker and prolong your condition.
- **Ice skating:** Only ice skate in public arenas, never on frozen lakes or ponds. The ice may seem impenetrable, but often it is weak enough to cave in and take the skater for a cold swim.
- **Insect bites:** Use insect repellent when possible. For mild insect bites, a cold compress or witch hazel will reduce the itching. If the bites are swollen or painful, contact a doctor.
- **Infected wounds:** Keep area clean. Do not touch unless hands are washed. Change bandage regularly.
- **Immunize:** Make sure you get all necessary shots. Even if you're afraid of needles, immunization is important and could prevent disease.

### A TO Z • SAFETY • A TO Z • SAFETY • A TO Z



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## Students Help Homeless



These Romulus High School students were on their way to a shelter in Detroit's Cass Corridor to deliver toiletries and clothing collected for a homeless shelter. Students also made and packed lunches to distribute. The project was one of many that students are completing as part of a humanities course, and was performed under the direction of Kathy Hurst, Service Learning Coordinator for Romulus Community Schools.

## CAD Specialist Helps Merriman Students Study

Busy Merriman parent, wife, and college student, Nicole St. Laurent, finds time to help students at Merriman Elementary School twice a week. This Eastern Michigan University engineering student will graduate in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree, specializing in Computer Aided Design (CAD).

"I have always had a desire to help young people, and this opportunity at Merriman is perfect for me," she said.

St. Laurent works closely with Merriman teacher Peter Irwin and other volunteers who work with him at school.

"By involving adults with my students, I am able to provide more individual prescriptive activities for others. Without their help, it would be much harder to accomplish," Irwin explained.

St. Laurent helps students with their written work, hears them read, or reads to them. Her smiling face is a great encouragement for all the students.

Joshua Moyer, who has been helped by St. Laurent many times, sums up students' appreciation nicely: "It is really good to have her here because I can get extra help." □

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Parent volunteer Nicole St. Laurent works with Merriman student, Joshua Moyer. St. Laurent is one of many volunteers who assist students and teachers in the Romulus School District. Why not call your neighborhood school to find out how you can help? You'll be glad you did.



## Halecreek Students Join After-school Homework Club

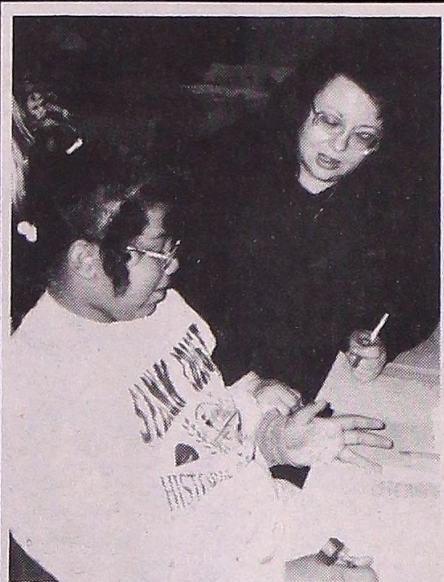
Motivated third-, fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders at Halecreek School are taking advantage of "The Homework Club," a program that's giving them a leg up on their after-school assignments. The group meets for one hour after school every weekday except Friday so that teachers, paraprofessionals, and some High School students can give the youngsters extra assistance and share ideas when needed.

Halecreek's students seem to enjoy having the opportunity to work on homework assignments together and help each other out. Some comments made by student participants are:

"I like the Homework Club because it's great and I get my handwriting and math done." — *Lacey McKinney*

"Homework Club is fun. I have lots of things to do, and people help you if you need it." — *Ashley Willis*

"I like to come to the Homework



Linda Cox helps Ashley Willis during Homework Club.

Club because I have time to do my homework in quiet." — *Jessica Kubicki* □

## Halecreek Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students at Halecreek Elementary School, who made the honor roll during the second marking period of the 1997-1998 school year.

(Note: an asterisk denotes those students who were recognized for High Honors.)

### Ms. Azzopardi/Ms. Cooper's Class

Elizabeth Berry, Stephanie Clay, Joseph Goroni, Novella Haugabook, Aaron King, Dominique Larry, Cassie Tolstyka, Kendra Williams, and Marissa Wilson.

### Mrs. Coleman's Class

Natalee Adams, Aamer Ahmad, Tanya Formosa, Ashley Gshwender, Jerad Kiser, Ashley Maskell, Megan Mitchell, David Mowrer, Ashley Much, LaJoya Orr, Chris Speer, Ricky Staten, Darlene Swain, and DeRhonda Williams.

### Ms. Garrity's Class

Darnell Abney, Britney Alley, \*Donald Brewer, Allison Bruckner, Jeffrey Conradson, Ashley Glenn, Jeffery Judd, Mark McGlynn, Christopher Reeves, Crystal Scott, \*Rebecca Smith, Anastasia Strother, Samantha Tilley, and LaShonda Windham.

### Mr. Miller's Class

Darlie Adkinson, Elliot Craig, Carol Deaton, Sarah Gentry, Stephanie Gurner, Amanda Hall, Muneer Khan, Kevin Kucharski, Timothy Lewis, Joey Saad, Alicia Sims, \*Joann Tieppo, Miah Wade, and Kevin Zajac.

### Mrs. Slater's Class

Ummer Ahmad, Ashley Allen, Steven Gratiot, Courtney Hardesty, Mallori Losacco, Jeremy McEvoy, Jeremy McNulty, \*Leah Moore, Amanda O'Connor, Timothy Rusinko, and Natasha Zander.



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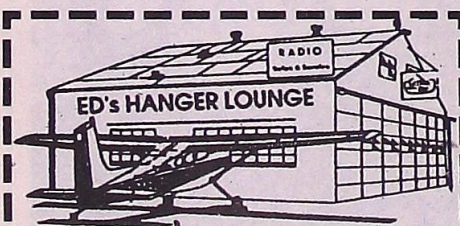
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### REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 9, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed all Members present. Administrator Joel R. Carr was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2/98/1 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

2/98/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the Minutes of January 26, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions for Board approval.

Retirement: Jo Ann Hunter, Bus Driver, Effective January 30, 1998.

Employment: Thalia Swint, Business Department, School Store, Effective September, 1998.

2/98/3 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn to approve the retirement of Jo Ann Hunter, Bus Driver, Effective January 30, 1998. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2/98/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Woods to approve the employment of Thalia Swint, Business Department, School Store, Effective September, 1998. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2/98/5 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb to adopt the attached Resolution congratulating Dennis Stoh and his wife, Elizabeth, for representing the Romulus Community Schools in their meeting with President William J. Clinton. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board of Education acknowledged the "thank you" from John Juriga.

##### Bills for Payment

2/98/6 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Community Participation Report – Phyllis Adkins

This report was rescheduled for the meeting of February 23, 1998.

##### High School Curriculum Changes

Mr. Dan Hurst, High School Principal, was present and updated the Board of Education on the curriculum changes for next year and responded to questions posed by Members of the Board.

##### Weight Watchers Proposal

The Board of Education approved a proposal by Sheila Stasak to operate an after-school Weight Watchers program for interested young people.

##### Durant Settlement – Resolution

2/98/7 Moved by Woods supported by Kesner that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to waive further claims relative to the Durant case, providing that the State fulfills its commitments. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### World History Trip

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, apprised the Board of Education of the Advanced World History class trip to New York from March 26–29, 1998.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed their concerns as they pertain to the operation of the School District with members of the Board of Education.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Article – Baron's Closing; and 3) RESA Letter – Beacon Day Treatment Program.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Berlinn, Mr. Woods, and various members of the Board of Education discussed their concerns re: the probable closing of the Beacon Day Treatment Program.

Mr. Woods commented on how good our basketball team was this year.

Mrs. Oleszkowicz reminded everyone about the Cabaret Dinner in the Eagles Nest this coming Saturday (band fund raiser).

##### Executive Session:

2/98/8 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:54 P.M.

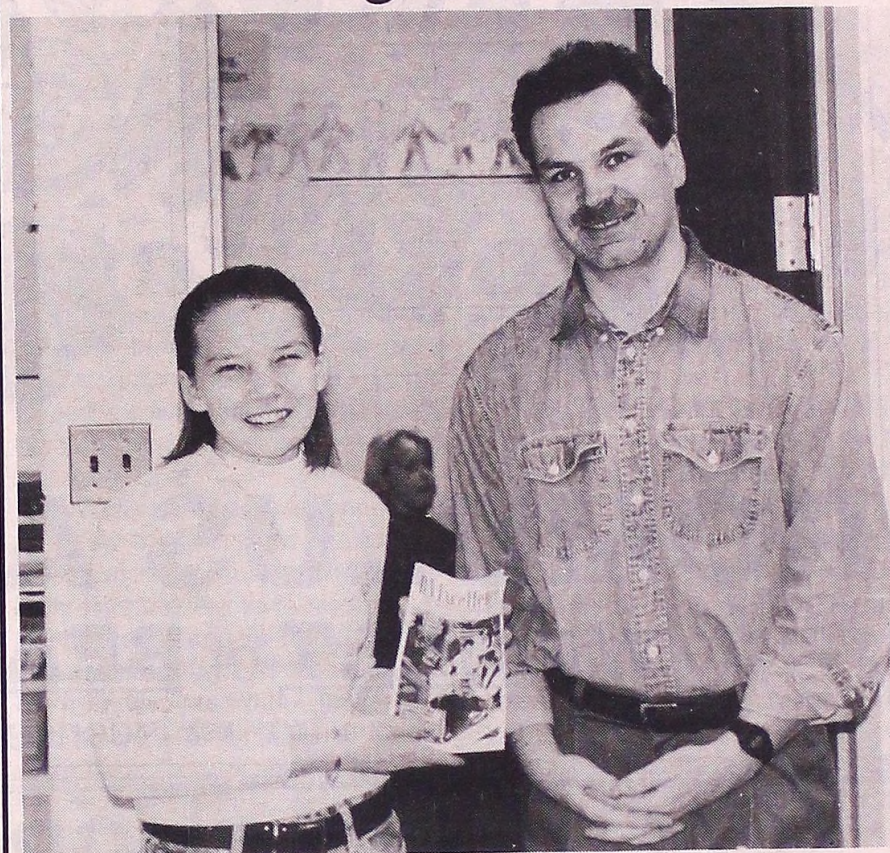
##### ADJOURNMENT:

2/98/9 Moved by Woods supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## Local Family Featured on Magazine Cover



Merriman sixth-grader, Melissa Foley, proudly shows her teacher, Pete Irwin, the cover of *RN Excellence*, a magazine for nurses and other hospital professionals. Foley's family served as the cover models for the Statewide magazine.

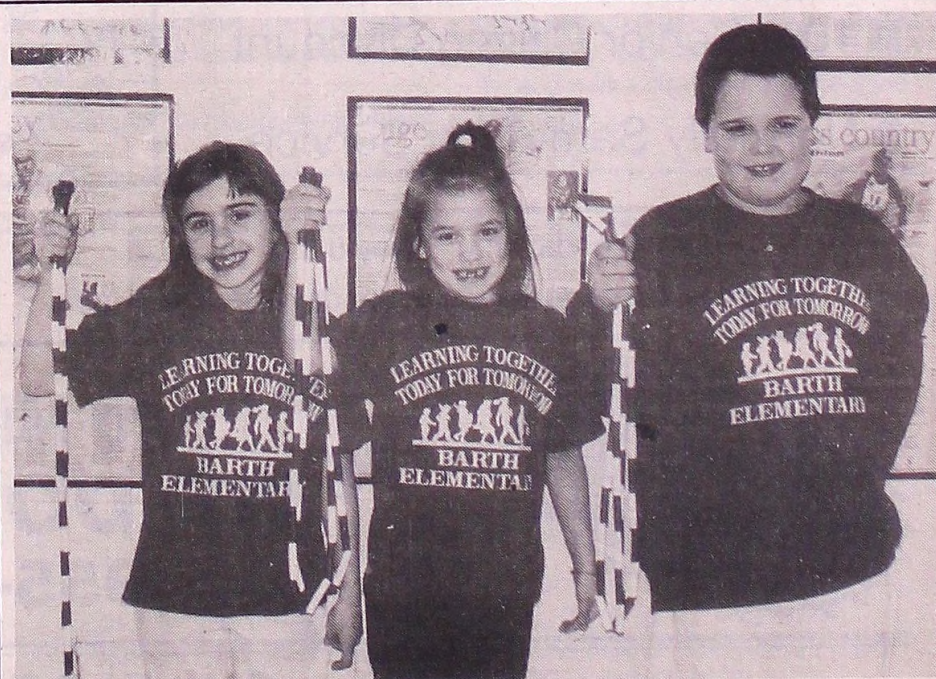
## "Jump Rope" Benefits AHA

"Jump Rope for Heart," a fund-raising event which benefits the American Heart Association, will be conducted at four Romulus elementary schools during the month of March: Barth (March 12), Cory (March 13), Halecreek (March 18), and Merriman (March 12).

Students are hoping that plenty of community support will be forthcoming

so that their efforts will "pay off" – literally – for this worthy cause. To make your pledge, volunteer your time, or find out more about Jump Rope for Heart, contact your neighborhood school:

- Barth (Sheila Stasak): 941-2821,
- Cory (Gayle Millspaugh): 721-4757,
- Halecreek (Bill Baum): 941-0536, or
- Merriman (Pat McCollum): 941-6900.



Showing off their personal jump ropes for "Jump Rope for Heart" are Barth students (from left) Miranda Gubaci, Heather Doyle, and Nicholas Miller.





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Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

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### DEFINITIONS

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| 1. Honorable principles or aims                    | 21. Novices  |
| 2. Was sick  | 22. Conspiratorial group                                       |
| 3. Valley  | 23. "False god" frequently denounced by Old Testament prophets |
| 4. Gad about                                       | 24. Priest's robe  |
| 5. Strive toward an end                            | 25. Red Square landmark  |
| 6. Having a brown tint, as a photograph            | 26. Sorcerer of Camelot  |
| 7. Pieces of eight                                 | 27. Jacket for an LP   |
| 8. Lampoons  | 28. Hypnotic states  |
| 9. Declare; affirm                                 | 29. Pace for a horse   |
| 10. Guru's residence                               | 30. Establish a new law  |
| 11. City of Romulus Community Development Director | 31. Stunt stand-ins  |
| 12. Injure; damage                                 | 32. Woman's shirt  |
| 13. Push; shove                                    | 33. Musical genre  |
| 14. Aches; pains                                   | 34. Most people hate to count these                            |
| 15. Fixed routines                                 | 35. Shrinks back from something loathsome                      |
| 16. Angle measures                                 | 36. Houston football team                                      |
| 17. Water nymphs                                   | 37. Romulus City Treasurer                                     |
| 18. Roman goddess of hunting                       | 38. Stinks   |
| 19. School subject                                 | 39. Irish Gaelic   |
| 20. Travolta/Hackman/Russo film, Get _____         |  |

## YOU'LL FIND IT IN "PATRICK"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in PATRICK? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

For our list of 23 words, plus the LEAPFROG solution, see page 15

## With Weight Watchers, Success Is as Easy as 1-2-3!

*Editor's note: For some time now, one of our most popular regular features has been a section on eating well with Weight Watchers. Faithful readers will have noticed that, in addition to the usual information on calories, fat, etc., recent recipes have also included another figure, expressed as a POINT value. After receiving several inquiries about the nature of these "POINTS," we did a little research and came up with the following article about Weight Watchers' popular new program, called 1-2-3 Success.*

Weight Watchers has announced that new memberships continue to grow significantly, thanks to the popularity of its latest weight-loss plan, "1-2-3 Success," and the recent ban on certain diet drugs. The success of the new plan has been attributed, in part, to the strong "anti-diet" sentiment that has prevailed in the marketplace for the past five years, resulting in a staggering statistic: 71% of Americans are now overweight. Yet Americans are now responding to "1-2-3 Success" because it *isn't* a typical diet, according to Florine Mark, President and CEO of the largest Weight Watchers franchise in the United States. Members are finding that they can lose weight and not feel deprived.

In mid-August of 1997, the company unveiled "1-2-3 Success," a simple-to-follow POINTS-based food system that lets people eat their favorite foods as they learn to lose weight.

"Our current members are thrilled with the simplicity and effectiveness of '1-2-3 Success,'" said Mark. "They are able to adapt this new program to their everyday lives because 'no food is a no-no.'"

Designed for ultimate weight-loss

ease, "1-2-3 Success" is simple to follow and involves no complicated counting or weighing. Here's how it works. Every food is assigned a point value based on its fat, fiber, and calorie content. A daily POINT range is determined for each member based on his/her current weight. As long as foods consumed during a day total an amount within the allotted daily POINT range, the person will lose weight.

Another benefit of "1-2-3 Success" is that – thanks to the POINTS Food System – traditional attitudes toward food can change. For example, most people would think that eggplant parmagiana has more POINTS than a spinach salad with bacon and dressing, or that a lean steak has more POINTS than steamed salmon. But, believe it or not, the spinach salad actually has more POINTS (12 points) than the eggplant parmagiana (11 points), and the steamed salmon is higher in POINTS (7 points) than the lean steak (5 points). There are no "diet foods" in "1-2-3 Success." You eat what you like by making choices that total your daily POINT range.

According to Dr. Myron Winick, medical director for Weight Watchers International, "1-2-3 Success" enables dieters to incorporate sound weight-loss principals without feeling deprived.

"The fact is, all foods can be eaten in moderation," he explained.

The Weight Watchers program is a multidimensional, comprehensive approach to learning how to lose weight, and is based on the belief that, to lose weight safely and sensibly, a person must learn to eat more healthfully, increase physical activity, and make some simple life-style changes. □

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# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

## Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a happy birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of March: Eleanor Brzezicki, Theresa Chadwick, Alta Curtis, Dorothy Flagg, Robbie Hughes, Mary Jaskolski, Lavonia Lambert, Marcia Lawson, Giovanna Scibilia, Inola Singleton, Irene Troutt, Ruth Ulrich, Bernice Usher, and Robert Young.

## "Bingo" Transportation Offered

The Romulus Progressive Hall, in cooperation with the City of Romulus, will continue to offer affordable (\$1.50 per evening) transportation service to any Romulus senior who wishes to attend the club's weekly bingo games, held each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, please call either John Hadyniak (941-8968) or Bob Presler (941-2959) after 5 p.m.

## Free Tax Service for Seniors

From now through April 15, AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12 to 3:30 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home-heating, prescription, and property-tax forms.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. For more information, contact the Center.

## Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, March 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

## This Month's Crime Watch Program To Feature K-9 Tour

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be taking local seniors on a tour of the K-9 Academy on Wednesday, March 25 (meet at the Center at 10 a.m.). There is no charge to participate. Sign up at the Center.

## Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required. Next date: March 19.

## Lunch Out . . .

Enjoy lunch out when the Senior Center van travels to The Ranch in Monroe on Friday, March 13. Sign up at the Center.

## . . . and Lunch In

Springfest will be the theme of this month's Senior Luncheon, to be held at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 20. The menu: veggie lasagna, garlic bread, relish/veggie tray, dessert, and beverage; cost: \$3.50. Sign up at the Center.

## Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Southgate Meijer on March 27. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

## Father's Day

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Father's Day*, starring Billy Crystal and Robin Williams – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 27. Refreshments will be served.

## Free Blood-pressure Readings

GranCare Home Health invites local seniors to stop in at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month for a free blood-pressure check and a chance to "ask the nurse" questions regarding medications, preventive health alternatives, disease processes, etc. (Next date: March 16.)

## Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852.

## Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.). □

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If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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## Obituaries

### John F. Green

John F. Green of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, March 1, 1998. He was 85 years old.

John was born in LaFayette, Tennessee, on July 4, 1912. He and his wife, Alice R. (Slusher) Green, were married September 4, 1942. The former Wyandotte Chemical employee was a lifelong member of the Disabled American Veterans (Wayne, MI) and belonged to the American Legion (Jonesville, VA).

John is survived by his wife; one son, J.R. Blevins (Yuma, AZ); a daughter, Mrs. Jim (Cora) Mattson (Romulus,

MI); one brother, Leon Eugene Williams; a sister, Mrs. Leona Kromburg (Portland, OR); nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 4, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Ladies' Missionary of Calvary Baptist Church.

### Jacqueline A. Hoyer

Jacqueline A. Hoyer of Edmond, Oklahoma, died on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at the age of 52.

The AT&T employee was a native of Alabama, born February 10, 1946.

Jacqueline is survived by her uncle and aunt, Jason and Ethel Lovette (Romulus, MI), and three cousins, Phyllis L. Elrod (Romulus, MI), Jason Lovette, Jr. (Inkster, MI), and Kory A. Lovette (Detroit, MI). She was predeceased by her

parents, Charles G. and Lorena (Rowe) Garrett.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 24, at Second Grace United Methodist Church (Detroit, MI), with Dr. Emmanuel F. Bailey officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Lorena Burton Scholarship Fund.

### Frances R. (Kilzer) Maiani

Frances R. (Kilzer) Maiani of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, February 22, 1998. She was 66 years old.

Frances was born in Humboldt, Tennessee, on January 2, 1932, the only child of Gilford and Luda Kilzer. She and her husband, Frank Maiani, were married in Allen Park, Michigan, on August 4, 1952. Although she chose not to pursue a career, Frances was trained as a licensed practical nurse.

Surviving Frances are her husband; one son, James (and his wife Merry) Maiani (Farmington, MI); three daughters, Susan Housholder (Plymouth, MI), Gail (and her husband William) Deneszcuk (Saline, MI), and Gina (and her husband Alan) Bergmooser (Romulus,

MI); and eight grandchildren: Amanda Housholder, Gregory Deneszcuk, Lauren Deneszcuk, Anthony Maiani, Christopher Bergmooser, Jenna Bergmooser, Anna Deneszcuk, and Alyssa Bergmooser. She was predeceased by her father in 1981 and her mother in 1982.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 25, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal officiating. Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by John Molnar Funeral Home (Brownstown, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart Association or to a hospice care organization.

### Mabel Marie (Lawson) Testorelli

Mabel Marie (Lawson) Testorelli of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, February 26, 1998, at the age of 62.

The native of Blue Moon, Kentucky, married James C. Testorelli in Detroit, Michigan, on July 10, 1953.

Mabel is survived by her husband; one son, James P. (and his wife Connie A.) Testorelli (Belleville, MI); four daughters, Mrs. Ron J. (Cheryl Ann) Thomason (Croswell, MI), Mrs. Patrick (Linnea M.) Higgins (Brighton, MI), Mrs. Billy W. (Sandy L.) Johnson (Belleville, MI), and Mrs. Ken A. (Jamie M.) Nieman (Romulus, MI); six brothers, George (Betsy Lane, KY), Robert (Tucson, AZ), Arnold

(Ivel, KY), Bobby (and his wife Mary Lou; Melvindale, MI), Herschel (and his wife Barb; Betsy Lane, KY), and Ferris (and his wife Ruby) Lawson (Melvindale, MI); two sisters, Ms. Opal West (New London, OH) and Mrs. George (Maggie) Lueth (Sparta, IL); and 13 grandchildren. She was predeceased by three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Preacher Frank Sullivan (Church of Christ, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens (Plymouth, MI). Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice. □

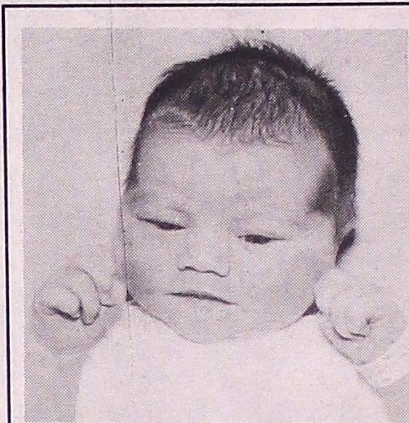
## New Arrival

### Charlotte Frances Sypula

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Charlotte Frances Sypula, are Jamie and Michelle Sypula of Romulus, Michigan.

Charlotte was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 1:58 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 1998, weighing in at eight pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Also welcoming the new arrival into the family were her paternal grandmother, Betty Sypula (Romulus, MI), and her paternal grandparents, Bill and Charlotte Partin (also of Romulus, MI). □



Charlotte Frances Sypula

## Engaged

### Banks / Kniceley

Announcing their January 3, 1998 engagement are Paul Banks and Jamie Kniceley, both of Romulus, Michigan. The couple plan to wed at University of Michigan Stadium on October 5, 1998. Standing up with the groom will be David Bittenbender and Kenny Banks; Beth Gamsjager and Betty Banks will attend the bride. A reception at Romulus VFW Hall will follow.

Paul is the son of Daniel Banks and Linda Banks (both of Romulus, MI). Jamie is the daughter of Karen Kniceley (Romulus, MI) and James Kniceley (Belleville, MI). □

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